THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (e) The Government have decided to close down Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. including the Barauni unit as the same has not been found techno-economically viable.

Losses in public sector fertilizer units

†1082. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an apprehension of losses in a number of public and private sector chemical fertilizer producing units, due to reduction of subsidy after implementation of the New Fertilizer Policy;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the estimated annual losses in public sector fertilizer producing units, after implementation of the new policy; and

(c) to what extent the amount of said losses would be more, as compared to the amount of current losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Government is in the process of formulation of new pricing policy for urea units keeping in view the recommendations of Expenditure Reforms Commission for replacing the existing Retention Price Scheme. Government does not expect the urea producing units to incur losses on implementation of new pricing policy. They may incur losses due to their own inefficiencies.

Production of polymers

1083. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FRETILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Polymers in the country during the last three years, State-wise, including Gujarat;

(b) the details of proposals under consideration for development of Polymers for multiple use, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken to identify new areas in public/private sectors where the use of Polymers can play a vital role; and

Statement

State-wise production of Polymers during the last three years

Unit in 'MT'

States/Years	Production of Polymers						
	LDPE	LLDPE	HDPE	PP	PS	PVC	Grand Total
1999-2000							
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	478215	0	47815
Gujarat	84069	118512	329997	733831	6339	477169	1749917
Maharashtra	100168	103603	155748	62842	93542	122296	638199
Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	13273	28573	41846
Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	110961	110961
Uttar Pradesh		31810	86014	0	0	0	117824
West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rest of the Country	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**184237**	**253925**	**571759**	**796673**	**160969**	**738999**	**2706562**
2000-2001							
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	51153	0	51153
Gujarat	84322	124719	335189	1018488	156	495301	2058175
Maharashtra	99845	121664	149360	68750	138674	124644	702937
Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	5264	33541	38805
Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	106797	106797
Uttar Pradesh	0	39313	155236	0	0	0	194549
West Bengal	0	89169	117757	82666	0	0	289592
Rest of the country	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**184167**	**374865**	**757542**	**1169904**	**195247**	**760283**	**3442008**
2001-2002							
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	58551	0	58551
Gujarat	90055	115049	362799	1154498	0	517090	2239491
Maharashtra	96473	109375	135310	68966	169873	140109	720106
Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	34	33765	33799
Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	138659	138659
Uttar Pradesh	0	70010	180917	0	0	0	250927
West Bengal	0	158211	207799	146706	0	0	512716
Rest of the Country	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**186528**	**452645**	**886825**	**1370170**	**228458**	**829623**	**3954249**

(d) the details of research and development proposals cleared for development of Polymers during the last three years, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The production of major polymers in the country during the last three years, State-wise including Gujarat, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)

(b) There are no specific proposals under consideration of the Government for development of Polymers for multiple use.

(c) The Indian Polymer Industry has been making continuous efforts towards developing new polymer applications in various spheres of human life. Polymers have already substituted traditional materials like wood, paper, etc. due to their efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

(d) No proposals for research & development of Polymers have been approved by the Government during the last three years.

Revival of IDPL

†1084. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to revive IDPL;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) IDPL is a sick company under reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). A communication has been sent to the BIFR intimating the following concessions/facilities that the Government intends to provide to facilitate its privatisation through the induction of strategic partners:

(i) Conversion of Government loan into equity.

(ii) Waiver of interest/penal interest and guarantee fee by the Government of India.

(iii) Payment of outstanding statutory dues and funding of VRS.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.